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1. VICE-MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CHIEN ALTERED HIS ITINERARY TO SPEND 24 HOURS VISITING LUXEMBOURG. HE ARRIVED BY TRAIN FROM BRUSSELS YESTERDAY, MARCH 2, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE LOCAL SUN YAT-SEN CENTER,WHO HAD BEEN AT THE BENELUX DIRECTORS' MEETING HELD THERE. WHILE HERE HE MET WITH ROBERT KRIEPS, MINISTER OF CULTURE (AND JUSTICE AND EDUCATION) A PROMINENT SOCIALIST MEMBER OF THE RULING CENTER/ LEFT COALITION. HE ALSO MET WITH COLETTE FLESCH, MAYOR OF LUXEMBOURG CITY (LIBERAL PARTY).

2.THE GOL DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE ROC AND THE SUN YAT-SEN CENTER THUS EXISTS AT THE SUFFERANCE OF AN UNSYMPATHETIC GOVERNMENT. THE DIRECTOR, HSU WAN-TZU, IS A CAUTIOUS MIDDLE-GRADE DIPLOMAT WHO TRIES TO WALK A TIGHTROPE: TOO HIGH A PROFILE AND THE CENTER WILL NO LONGER BE TOLERATED, TOO LOW A PROFILE AND NOTHING IS ACCOMPLISHED AT ALL.

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3. HSU CONSIDERS ROBERT KRIEPS TO BE THE LEAST SYMPATHETIC MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT. HSU WAS SURPRISED THAT KRIEPS RECEIVED CHIEN AND THUS CONSIDERS THE VISIT A SUCCESS. (IN FACT, THE GOL RECENTLY AGREED TO PERMIT THE PRC TO OPEN AN EMBASSY HERE AND THE GOVERNMENT COULD HAVE DUCKED COMPLETELY.)

4. THE OPPOSITION CHRISTIAN-SOCIALISTS OPENED THEIR
ARMS TO CHIEN. HE MET WITH FORMER PRIME MINISTER WERNER
PARTY PRESIDENT SANTER, AND ABBE HEIDERSCHIED, DIRECTOR OF
THE "LUXEMBOURG WORT"-- LUXEMBOURG'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER.
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